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Mercer speaks with college Dems

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Luther Mercer II spoke with UTM's College Democrats March 3. Mercer is running in the Democratic primary for the 8th Congressional District in Tennessee.

Mercer introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of his background. He is originally from Jackson, Tenn. He first graduated from Tennessee Tech, then attended the University of Memphis law school. Before finishing law school, Mercer said, he studied in Egypt, then returned to Memphis and completed his law degree. He said he also traveled to China where he taught English and studied Chinese and afterward he came to UTM as the director of Multicultural Affairs.

Mercer said he currently works as a consultant, teaches ethics and international economy at Bethel College, and is a coordinator for global education for St. George's Independent School in Collierville, Tenn.

In a previous interview, Mercer was asked what his thoughts were when he decided to run for Congress and he said he was scared. Mercer said because he is asking people to follow him, he is not taking lightly his decision.

"When you seek public office there should be a level of humility because you are serving people and when that, oftentimes when you lose that humility ... sometimes we become arrogant in our position and we don't necessarily fill the needs of the



Luther Mercer, a candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat, recently spoke with UTM College Democrats. (Pacer Photo/Randy Cavin)

people," he said.

Mercer then began talking about education and jobs, specifically in rural West Tennessee. He said when college students think about education and opportunity they do not normally think about opportunities in West Tennessee.

He said many people look at lost industries in West Tennessee as an opportunity to bring those industries back to the area, but he said they aren't coming back. People need to start looking at ways to revitalize West Tennessee with new industries. He said

bringing new jobs to an area relies on education.

"You can't bring new jobs to an area unless you have the educated work force that's able to sustain those jobs. That is fundamental. That means we have to invest now within ourselves and within our region to educate our people so we can entice those jobs to come. If not, they will not," Mercer said.

He is attempting to highlight in his campaign the stagnancy he sees in politics among the parties. He said both sides are having difficulty moving

forward and he attributes it to a lack of ideas.

"I think we're not challenging ourselves to do better and we have to invest. We have to move beyond where we are. That means we have to take risks. That means it is scary because it's not the world our parents knew but all of us together must move forward," he said.

Mercer then began to talk about health care. He said it has taken 50 years for the United States to get as far as having a health care reform bill in Congress, but he does not believe the bill is perfect.

"Something I think that's lacking from this bill is the fact of prevention. We don't talk enough about prevention," Mercer said. He added that more measures need to be taken toward advancing the health of U.S. residents through using such things as incentives for citizens to be healthy.

Mercer also talked about the importance of accountability in politics. He said no matter who the people elect, whether it is on the national, state or local level, the people need to hold their public leaders accountable.

Column: Surviving St. Patty's holiday

Joshua Lemons
Executive Editor

Pace yourself. That is rule No. 1. St. Patrick's Day is one week from today. Having been a bartender for the better part of this millennium, I spoke with some of my fellow mixologists to devise a top five list for surviving this most imbibing holiday.

Kara Kidwell is a bartender at Cadillac's in Martin. Many of you probably know her. She lends her thoughts on ways to have fun without passing out by 9 p.m.

"Have one drink per hour," Kidwell said.

However, this is not feasible for many, yours truly included. So Kidwell revised her statement. It is rule No. 2.

"For every drink, drink one, drink water, drink one, drink water," Kidwell said.

This looks to be a lot more manageable approach for many of you than one drink per hour. For rule No. 3, we again turn to our favorite Cadillac's mixologist.

"If you start drinking one thing, stick with it," Kidwell said. "Don't mix in a bunch of shots with your beer, or you'll be worshipping the porcelain goddess in the morning."

This I have seen happen during many a St. Patrick's Day celebration. After all, what's a celebration without toasts? And what is a toast without shots?

But if you want to survive the celebration and be functional the next day, try to limit the shots to a minimum. And again, if you are drinking vodka and cranberry, make your shot a wedding cake (vanilla vodka, pineapple juice and Frangelico). If bourbon is your poison, then when shot time rolls around, order an Alabama slammer (Southern Comfort and Amaretto).

Are you seeing a pattern here?

Rule No. 4 is simple. Stay away from the green everything. If the beer is green, it is definitely the cheap stuff from the tap and that equals massive headache in the morning.

Rule No. 5 is the most simple yet the most important. Never drink and drive. I know this might sound like a cliché, but it is fact.

At UTM, there is no mass transit system. There is not even a minimum transit system.

We do have one thing in abundance here: freshmen. The traditional freshman is too young to drink but still looking to have a fun evening. Maybe buy them a pizza. Freshmen will do almost anything for free pizza. So commandeer a freshman and have one chauffeur you for the night.

If you want to go all out, sláinte (pronounced *ulan-she*) is Gaelic for good health, also referred to as ... cheers!

Merwin connects Lincoln to existential model of Rollo May

Regina Emery
Spencer Taylor

UTM took a moment to honor one of its own last Thursday, March 4, when Dr. Michelle Merwin presented her speech "Lincoln's Destiny and Will: The Writings of Rollo May Visible in the Life of the Great Emancipator" to a crowd in Watkins Auditorium.

Merwin, an associate professor of Psychology, may seem a bit out of her niche speaking on a historical topic until you consider Rollo May.

"I'm a history buff in general. I heard a report on this book 'Lincoln's Melancholy' on NPR and it sounded interesting to me as I listened. I bought the book, and then I realized how Lincoln's life seemed to fit into the model of Rollo May's writing on existential psychology," Merwin said.

Rollo May, a 20th century psychologist, is best known for his combination of humanistic psychology and an existentialist philosophy.

The book, "Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness," written by Joshua Wolf Shenk, acclaimed essayist and member



Dr. Michelle Merwin spoke in Watkins Auditorium on March 4 about Lincoln's depression aiding his decisions. (Pacer Photo/Jeremy Jones)

of the advisory council of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, serves as the basis for much of Merwin's understandings about Lincoln's depression. Straightforward and unbiased, it provides a psychological examination of Lincoln's life, making the parallels between he and Rollo May more visible.

While Abraham Lincoln is considered by some to be America's most popular president, many may not have been aware of Lincoln's well-documented depression.

Having led an extremely hard

life during his early years, facing harsh winters and losing most all of his family to sickness, Lincoln's intense depression would later manifest itself in two massive bouts during his lifetime.

At age 26 many of Lincoln's close friends were claimed by typhoid fever — not least among them was Ann Rutledge, Lincoln's intimate friend and, many say, initial love interest.

Following Ann's death, Lincoln's depression was so intense that friends recalled him speaking frequently about

suicide. Several neighbors even collaborated with one another to keep an eye out for Lincoln's safety — a modern-day suicide watch.

At age 32, Lincoln suffered another huge blow during a particularly bleak Illinois winter; he became extremely ill during a hectic time in his law practice and personal life. This round of depression left Lincoln broken and bed-ridden.

After realizing Lincoln had such a debilitating struggle with depression, many may ask how this man could later lead the United States through its bloodiest time in history — how such a man could later conduct a presidency engulfed by war from start to finish.

Lincoln's handling of his depression and position within May's model of existential psychology is precisely what makes him great.

As Rollo May argues in his work, "Psychology and the Human Dilemma," depression is sometimes essential and can even fuel greatness. Consistent with May's theories, with which Shenk and Merwin agree, it was Lincoln's "destiny" to turn what he was given into something he felt was worth

being remembered by.

While Abraham Lincoln certainly suffered from psychosocial stressors (weather, isolation and stress), he was able to maintain a grip on his life, and his struggles would help build the man people celebrate today. This, says Rollo May, is essential in the journey through life.

"Joy, rather than happiness, is the goal of life, for joy is the emotion which accompanies our fulfilling our natures as human beings. It is based on the experience of one's identity as a being of worth and dignity."

Dr. Michelle Merwin is a well-established professor within the Psychology department, serving as interim chair of the department from 2007-2009. Merwin was awarded the UTM Cunningham Teacher/Scholar Award in 2009 and has various other accolades and publications to her name.

For those interested in learning more about Lincoln, Merwin will be teaching a Maymester class on the "Psychology of Abraham Lincoln."

Students are encouraged to contact her for more information.

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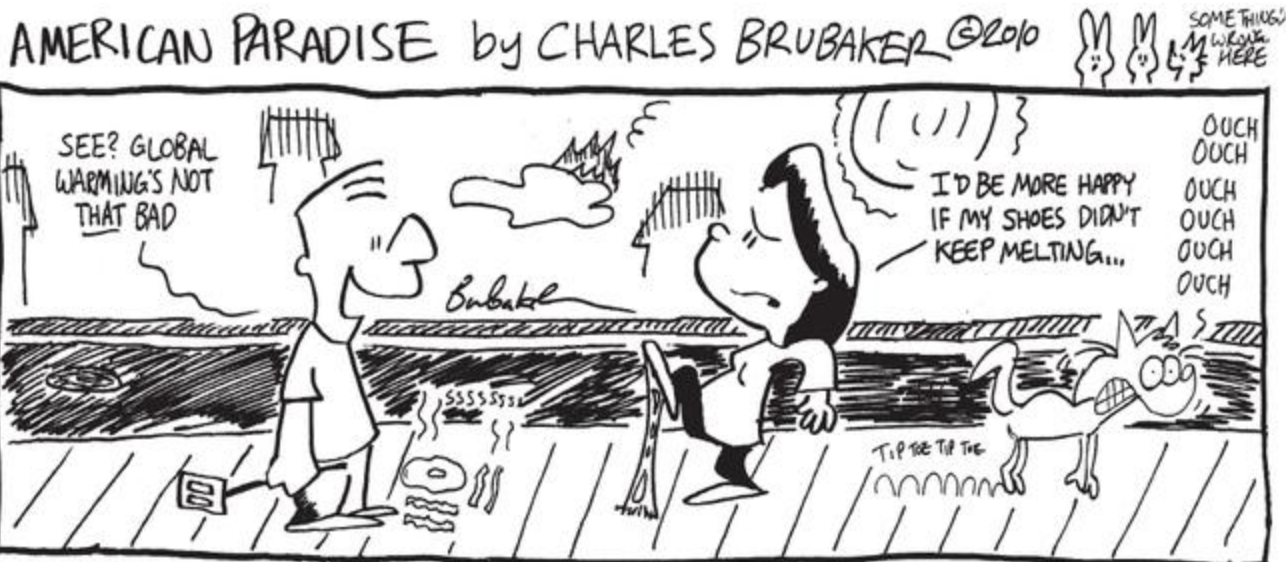
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Editorial: Have a wonderful and restful spring break!!!
We're tired. So are you. Too much work and no play makes Pacer staff dull. Our brains hurt. We simply cannot write another single, solitary, witty word. So we won't. See you again March 24.

There are right ways to watch a film Guidelines for the movie theater

Trevor Smith
Asst. Sports Editor

In my short lifetime, I've discovered certain timeless axioms that one can always count on to remain true.

We all know that you can't fix stupid, that it isn't about the journey but the destination, that life isn't always fair, and that to have more than we've got, we must become more than we are.

Along with these, I contribute this: There will always be people who go to the movies.

I've worked as a movie theater usher and projectionist for a little over three years now, and in those three years it has become starkly clear to me that the general public will always

go to the movies to fulfill their need to be entertained.

Unfortunately, I've also come to realize that a significant number of movie-goers have very little idea how to properly watch a movie in a theater. I believe I can remedy this.

Having spent the past three years observing our customers, I have compiled a broad, but certainly helpful, checklist of five criteria that can vastly enhance the experience of watching a movie.

This is my how-to list for going to the movies.

1. Be on time. This should be pretty obvious, but we're covering all bases here. It's like a coworker of mine pointed out the other day, "The first 10 minutes of a movie are often the most important." No huge revelations here. If you're late

for a movie, you'll have to work to catch up on the plot.

2. If you have the opportunity, go watch a movie by yourself. This is how I prefer to see movies. I understand some people have spouses, significant others and family members, but going alone can really allow for greater immersion in the film itself. I can assure you that you won't look like a lonely introvert to the staff at the theater. We see it all the time.

3. Minimize trips out of the theater. I know, I know. You just absolutely have to use the bathroom or buy more snacks. I'm right there with you. However, you jeopardize your chance to hear that one bombshell line or see good finally triumph over evil by doing this.

For example, what if you had been in the restroom when Ed Helms belted out "Stu's Song" in "The Hangover"? Think about it. The horror.

4. Follow the rules, and not just because I'm a stickler for them.

Listen, you just paid \$6, \$7, maybe \$8 to get into the show. Why risk getting thrown out because you can't stay off your cell phone? Keep it in your pocket for an hour and a half.

The big issue here is distractions. The second you crunch into that taco you snuck in, everybody in the room hates you, and that includes the person who is with you. Trust me, I know.

5. Know what your tastes are, and cater to them accordingly. I simply do not understand people who come to the movies

just to "see what's on" and pick a random title.

Go to the theater with a purpose! Be excited about what you're going to see. Though, I may add, if you happen to not enjoy your movie, keep in mind that you chose it. The people who work there didn't make the movie, or ask you to go watch it. Keep your glares to yourself, thank you.

The famous and celebrated director Roman Polanski once said, "Cinema should make you forget you are sitting in a theater."

I do agree, and I add that those of us sitting in the theater must do our part as well.

So, there's the list. I hope you find it useful, and that you are able to have a better experience because of it.

The five phases of procrastination

Adam Ryan Travis
Guest Columnist

Like anybody has ever done anything worthwhile in there.

Phase I: Getting a Head Start
In the beginning. It's the first day you hear that test announced in class. What runs through your mind?

It's the same for everyone: "If I start working now, I won't be as stressed as last time, and I might actually pass this class after all..."

We start thinking about how we could have a study session with all 15 of our best friends in the class, making solemn promises to actually be productive in the library for once.

Yeah. Riiiiiiight.

Phase II: Forgetting
Day one, night one. After the first study session, most of us feel accomplished, and thus, we feel the need to reward ourselves: a night of partying, a late night playing video games, or actually getting a full night's sleep for once in our collegiate lives.

This wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for the fact that we give ourselves credit for about 10 nights of studying rather than just one.

Before you know it, every night we had once planned for burning the midnight oil has turned into a Greek week function.

Phase III: Remembering
T-minus three days. Professors have this habit of reminding us about the impending horrors of the near future.

Usually this is caused by somebody opening a planner and going into panic mode. Should this person be panicking? No.

Anyone capable of maintaining a planner for more than two weeks shouldn't be behind in anything.

However, when the questions start flowing, you suddenly realize that time is no longer on your side.

Now is the time to start shunning your friends.

But hey, the test is still three days away. What's one more night of watching movies on

HBO really going to hurt?

Phase IV: Alopecia
It's tomorrow?! Tomorrow is the day when your fate will be decided.

Have you planned your attack on your mountain of work? Yes.

Are you making progress? Not exactly.

Perhaps it's time to find somewhere equally comfortable yet far less conducive to sleep than our beds for a work area?

With mere hours until our time is up, the gravity of the situation has finally started setting in. We are no longer answering texts, our Facebooks have been temporarily deactivated, and fingernails are virtually nonexistent.

As you grab your hair in

frustration at yourself for squandering all of this precious time, you realize that there are an abnormally large number of hairs that decided to abandon ship and cling to your sweaty palms after all the furious scribbling and typing you've been doing.

Phase V: Acceptance

Test day: 6 a.m. You're starting to get circles under your eyes, coffee is no longer effective, and you're witnessing what no normal human being should: a sunrise.

Mentally, you are fried. Physically, your body is staging a protest, and morning breath is starting to kick in.

Technologically, your computer is going into death throes, censoring itself with

beeps so that you aren't subjected to such profanity in your delicate mental state. Otherwise, you might be tempted to hurl it out your window.

You've started to accept your fate, almost smile at it even. That's probably just delirium from sleep deprivation, but you do what any rational person would and should do: nap.

If you're going to bomb this 11 a.m. test regardless, you should at least be alert enough to not appear hung over in public, right?

If you look good enough, you might even get to complain with the hottie in the hallway afterward about how horribly things went for you.

Yup! That's all the convincing I needed. Lights out!

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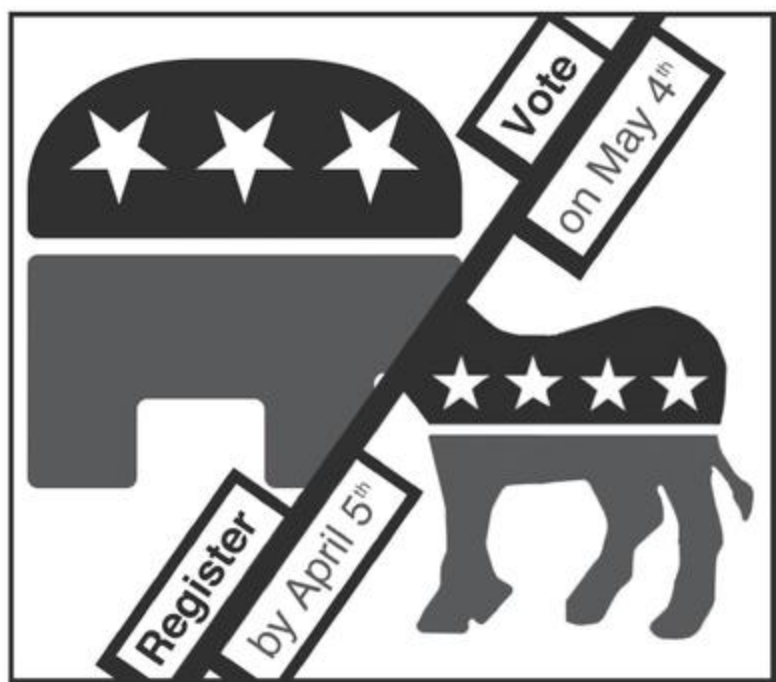
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News



Deadline to register for county primaries is April 5

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The Weakley County Democratic primary elections to select Democratic nominees for county mayor, county commissioners, county constables, county trustee, county sheriff, circuit court clerk, county clerk, register of deeds, road supervisor and highway commissioner, will be held May 4, 2010.

The Weakley County Republican Party held a caucus for county level positions instead of holding their primary on May 4. The Republican nominees and the offices they will be seeking Aug. 4 are: Mitchell Greub for 3rd district constable, Eddie McDearmon for 9th district constable, Andy Holt for 1st district county commissioner, Scott Fortner for 5th district county commissioner, David Hawks for 7th district county commissioner and Alex Britt for county trustee.

"UT Martin students who want to vote in the primary and general election vote at the Trinity Presbyterian Church," said a Weakley County Election Commission employee.

In order to vote in the Weakley County Democratic primary election at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, voters must be registered by April 5 at the latest. To vote in the general election, voters must be registered by July 6.

For those who are not registered, or are registered in another county but wish to

vote in Weakley County, there are two ways to register to vote. The first way is to go to the Tennessee state department website, <http://state.tn.us/sos/election/registration.htm> and download, print and mail in a voter application form to the Weakley County Election Commission.

The second way, also outlined at the state website, is to register in person at any of the following locations: County Clerk's Office, County Election Commission Office, Department of Health (WIC program), Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Department of Safety (motor vehicles division), Department of Veteran's Affairs, Public Libraries, Register of Deeds Offices.

The website http://state.tn.us/sos/election/address_changes.htm outlines instructions for those who live in Weakley County but would like to change from their home address to their campus address to vote at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. An application must be downloaded and the box for address change must be marked.

For those who live on campus, are registered to vote in a county outside of Weakley County, but do not wish to change addresses or register in Weakley County, they may vote absentee in their home district.

According to <http://state.tn.us/sos/election/bymail.htm>, absentee voting is "a voting method that involves voting on a day earlier than the actual election day. Tennessee has two forms of absentee voting: 1. Absentee in person, which is better known as early voting, and 2. Absentee by mail, which is commonly called by-mail voting."

To vote by mail, a voter must send the following information to their home County Election Commission: name, home address, social security number, address where the voter is living (on-campus address), election they will vote in, including party if the election is a primary, the reason why the voter is voting absentee and the voter's signature.

The last day absentee ballots will be accepted for the Democratic primary is April 27. The last day for the general election is July 29. Early voting for the Democratic primary is April 14-29 and July 16-31 for the general election.

All of the voting information can be found at <http://www.tennessee.gov/sos/> and any questions about voting in Weakley County can be answered by calling the Weakley County Election Commission at 731-364-5564, including information on the candidates.

The gubernatorial, legislative and U.S. House primaries will be held August 5. That general election will be held Nov. 2.

Students relive the summer of fear

Amber Pickett
Pacer Writer

What appeared to be another quiet and peaceful summer in Martin turned into every woman's worst nightmare when a series of sexual assaults occurred leaving young women living in a constant state of fear and paranoia.

Rachel Stephens, a Senior at UTM, lived alone during the assaults that took place over the summer, giving her an extreme uneasy feeling of vulnerability and second guessing the town she always felt was "safe."

"It was frightening to be here alone as a girl. Martin always felt completely safe. Then all of a sudden I was checking shadows and double checking my door locks," Stephens said. "A safe place I trusted suddenly became a place where all the evil things I'd heard about in my life became true."

Another attack happened the day before the Fall 09 semester started. The individual responsible for the attacks still remained unknown and not caught, resulting with women on campus purchasing mace to feel safer and for self defense. Men showed their concern for their female colleagues by walking girls home and even checking their apartments before letting them enter to make sure they were safe, especially at night.

"My roommate and I bought kick-stops for all of the doors in our apartment. The first victim lived right next to the apartment complex we live in. We even had fire extinguishers next to our beds. My roommate bought a taser for our safety," said Kayla Wright, a Senior at UTM.

The Department of Public Safety and the University

have since teamed together to make UTM a safer place for its students. Shortly after the incidents, Campus police sent two of its own officers to Sexual Assault Familiarization Exchange school (S.A.F.E) alongside a campus representative and three Martin Police officers. S.A.F.E school is a self defense course that makes physical defense a viable option along with awareness and avoidance.

Ray Coleman, Captain of the Department of Public

was awareness increased, says Coleman.

"There are other plans in process, with approval, of adding video cameras around the academic buildings, dorms, and eventually extending them into our parking lots," Coleman said.

Even though great measures have been taken and successfully made UTM a safer campus so far, there is still the question of whether or not awareness is as high today as it was for students during the summer of 2009.

Hunter Gierling, the founder of the group "Students That Offer Protection" (S.T.O.P) that was organized due to the incidents over the summer to prevent future happenings, discontinued his group due to a lack of interest and support after the offender was caught.

"When people are fearful or put in harm's way, they always look to something to bring their hopes up and for the most part are willing to help a good cause like S.T.O.P out, but once the threat is gone and they can slide back into their carefree lives, more often than not they lose interest in or at least the drive to prevent it from happening again," Gierling said. "It's very unfortunate because we wanted the group to be a preventative measure to begin with, but without the support were stuck with certain failure."

Ease and sighs of relief could be sensed all over Martin the day the suspected offender who has now been convicted was brought into custody. But the memories of the attacks, the intense feeling of fear, and extreme caution that kept people on their toes will always be an unfortunate reminder that these things can happen anywhere—even in a place you always thought was "safe."

"It was frightening to be here alone as a girl. Martin always felt completely safe. Then all of a sudden I was checking shadows and double checking my door locks."
~ Rachel Stephens, senior communications major

Safety, says that several things have improved campus security since the assaults and there are still plans for the future.

Fifteen new emergency call boxes have been installed around campus to improve safety and security," Coleman said. "The new "RAVE" text messaging alert system can send out emergency alerts to thousands of subscribers in a matter of seconds. "Tip Now" is a new texting program that was recently implemented giving students the freedom to text crime tips anonymously to the Department of Public Safety."

The only positive thing that came out of the situation

Serial rapist arraigned in Shelby County

Randy Cavin
News Editor

Bruce Tuck, convicted of multiple rapes in Weakley County, was arraigned Monday in Shelby County on multiple charges resulting from three sexual assaults.

The Commercial Appeal reported Monday that Tuck was appointed public defender William Yonkowski by Judge Chris Craft to represent him.

The assaults, which Tuck is accused, happened on June 27, in Cordova, on Aug. 5 in the Whitten-Macon area and on Aug. 23 in Cordova. There were four female victims in the assaults.

Tuck is facing 21 counts, including multiple aggravated rapes, especially aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, aggravated burglary and using a firearm during the commission

of a felony.

Two of the aggravated kidnapping charges involve children under the age of 13 who were present in the Aug. 23 attack.

Tuck was booked into the Shelby County Jail March 3 when he was transferred from the Hardeman County Correction Facility where he is serving a 60-year sentence.

Calling all seniors to Senior Central

Janessa Henderson
Pacer Writer

Senior Central is a one stop shop for graduates to do what they need to do with the university.

It is really similar to Skyhawk Central which is focused on incoming freshmen. Graduate studies, Academic Records office, business office, Student Success Center, Alumni Affairs, and Cap and Gown fitting will all be available for the seniors to finish any business before graduation day.

A photographer will be present for seniors to take pictures with their caps and gowns on. This will alleviate some pictures that will be taken on graduation day. Solo and Group pictures are available

and this is a great memento for students to take with all their friends or by themselves. Senior Central will be located in the University Center Ballroom on Wednesday March 10, 2010.

The hours of availability are from 11am to 6pm. Seniors should be interested in this event because it allows them to check off all that needs to be accomplished before graduation.

This one last checklist for seniors is great because though they might be busy with classes and occupied with anxiety, it allows them one day that they can stop by and make sure everything is taken care of.

Refreshments will be served as well for seniors to relax. Senior Central is a service

to the students to help them before they take that anticipated walk on May 15th.

With the Student success center being present, seniors will be able to take tests such as the LSAT, GMAT, and other graduate entrance exams.

Students will be able to purchase rings and order announcements for graduation.

For now, it will be only held on one day, but it could return in the future if interest is high.

This will be the second year that Senior Central has been at the disposal for seniors at UTM, and it has gotten off to a tremendous start.

So, seniors come out to this great opportunity to complete all necessities before graduation.

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News

Studying 101

Amber Pickett
Pacer Writer

With midterms upon us, it's right for students to have a basic understanding of the best way to learn and study not only for making good grades on tests, but to have a successful academic spring semester.

Stephanie Mueller, Advisor of the Disability Services and Nontraditional Students in the Student Success Center, explains that there are three main types of learning that a student uses that best works for them: Audio learning, Visual learning, and Kinesthetic learning.

"Do you learn easier by hearing, seeing, or doing? We use all three, but there is one a student leans more towards," Mueller said.

Audio learning is for students who find it easier to process information just by listening. Audio learners can use this while performing normal daily activities.

"Students who learn by audio can record their lectures. You need to ask permission from your professor first. Students can even record themselves reading their notes aloud and play it to themselves later," Mueller said. "Listen to what you recorded while you work out or even walk to class."

Visual learners have to be shown how to do something in order to better understand school material. Taking notes and seeing things wrote on a board help visual learners significantly.

"Visual learners need to read the material before they go to class. Most visual learners actually try to visualize their teachers hitting key points during a lecture. Color coding your notes and index cards is also very effective," Mueller said.

Kinesthetic learning is a type of learning that involves the movement of muscles for an individual. Students who are tapping a foot during class or pushing their pens can easily be pointed out as a kinesthetic learner.

"Index cards are highly recommended for a kinesthetic learner to study, as well. Their studying needs to involve some form of movement. For example, when a student is reading over the material for a class, they can simply rock back and forth to achieve this," Mueller said.

Keeping up with exactly how many hours you spend studying for a subject can help you control text anxiety and nervousness before a test. It will give a student confidence in the knowledge of the material you are bringing to the test.

"Always keep up with exactly how many hours you have put into studying. For every hour you have in class, you should be studying two hours at the minimum. Reassuring yourself of how many hours you have studied for the test will give you confidence and will help control your anxiety before a test", Mueller said.

Cramming is one of the worst ways of studying for a college student but is used by many when they have waited until the last minute to study for a test.

"Cramming is like covering yourself with a bunch of post-it notes. When you step outside on a windy day, you lose it all. Cramming is not long term. It's not a way of learning," Mueller said.

Daily studying is essential for you to actually learn and know your subjects in school.

Setting aside time every single day for each subject is the easiest way you can learn. The mind soon trains itself to drop easier into the subject at the same time every day that has been set aside.

"Study the subject, and the next day when you study again, review what you had studied and learned the day before. This way you aren't trying to learn everything at once and you are refreshing your memory," Mueller said.

You can successfully develop your most effective way of learning and studying in a total of three weeks or more. It can only be accomplished if it's done the right way and a solid effort is being made.

"One thing I always push is that college is a bridge to the real world. It teaches you skills you need to learn to obtain and keep a job in your future," Mueller said.

"College is like having a full-time job. You have to treat it that way. You have to put the time into it. How much a student puts in to their college career is exactly what they will get out of it."

Stand up and be counted; it's time for the census

Spencer Taylor
Managing/Life Editor

Every year millions of Americans gather in their living rooms to watch the Super Bowl.

Every four years Americans elect a president and watch the Summer Olympic Games.

Every ten years America stands up to be counted.

Census 2010 officially kicks off this month, and by the time you read this article your form should be in the mail to you, if you don't have it already.

While one of the less frequent aspects of American life as we know it, the Census is nonetheless an important tool to provide data that could be used in any number of ways to help improve the lives of Americans for the next decade. Required by the Constitution to conduct a Federal census every ten years, there has been no shortage of information

available regarding the census or the process.

According to 2010.census.gov, there was a national participation rate of about 72 percent in the 2000 census (participation rate being the percentage of forms returned). Tennessee had a participation rate of 69 percent while Weakley county and Martin both had a participation rate of 66 percent.

From representation in the United States House of Representatives to the allocation of nearly 400 billion in federal money each year, Census data will provide crucial information for schools as well, and UTM is certainly no exception.

"Students attending UTM have very much the same needs as does a residential citizen of Martin, Weakley County, and region. The infrastructure supporting our general population, enhanced by 6,000

persons 10 months a year, is critical in maintaining and improving our quality of life," says Steve Vantrease, Director of the Boling University Center.

Census data will also be critical to prospective businesses looking to come to Martin. Students seeking elusive new options for dining or shopping in Martin may have the 2010 census to thank in a few years.

"The data from the census is also used in the private sector to research markets. This is also another indirect benefit to UTM. What that means is a corporation (like Chili's) will look at census data to determine if they could make money in a place like Martin, TN. With a growing population of people in their 20s, a restaurant like Chili's would consider coming to Martin. Or, a young entrepreneur could use the data in a business plan to get

funding to open a locally owned "Chili's-like" restaurant," says David Taylor, Coordinator for Student Organizations.

While there may be some time before data from the Census yields new opportunities to UTM students, some benefits have already been established in terms of job creation.

Census taker jobs are now available with pay at \$11.25 an hour. Interested students are urged to attend a meeting Thursday, March 11 at 5 p.m. in the Paul Meek Library.

For additional information regarding the 2010 Census, consult 2010.census.gov or UTM's own census website at www.utm.edu/2010census.

Students, faculty and staff once again have the opportunity to shape their quality of life by providing data for the 2010 Census. Like the slogan says, "we can't move forward until you mail it back."

Hard work results in community service reward

Randy Cavin
News Editor

UTM is proud to announce the students hard work in community service projects has been recognized by the Corporation for Nation and Community Service.

As a result of the hard work performed by student's involvement in community service projects, UTM has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

"We are honored to be among a number of excellent universities that have been

honored for their involvement in community service and civic engagement," Chancellor Tom Rakes said. "Our role is to assist students in developing as balanced individuals, including maximum engagement in academic, emotional and community-focused activities and experiences."

The time spent volunteering added up, with 9,841 hours of service logged during FY2008-09. A total of 378 UT Martin students were engaged in academic service-learning and 3,362 students involved in other community service.

More than 700 colleges and universities were recognized for their contribution on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined

their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms.

"Congratulations to UT Martin and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," Patrick Corvington, Corporation for National and Community Service CEO said. "Our nation's students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service."

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including; the scope

and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. The Community Service Honor Roll began in 2006.

"I am excited to see our campus recognized for its many contributions to the region we serve," Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jerald Ogg said. "UT Martin has a rich tradition of finding creative ways to link the learning and service components within its classrooms, and that is one reason our graduates are prepared to assume leadership roles in the communities they join."

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POLICE REPORT

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| <p>1 2-26-10 at 1:52 pm-Wayne Fisher Dr-Subject issued a citation for a seatbelt violation. (City Court)</p> <p>2 Fire Call-2-28-10 at 7:19 pm-Univ Village "G" Unit-Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers responded and determined it to be caused by burnt food.</p> <p>3 3-1-10 at 8:00 am-Univ Street-Subject issued a citation for a crosswalk violation. (City Court)</p> <p>4 3-1-10 at 10:05 am-Univ Street-Subject issued a citation for speeding. (City Court)</p> <p>5 Fire Call-3-1-10 at 8:20 pm-Browning Hall-Report the fire alarm was sounding. Officers and MFD responded and determined it was caused by a pulled alarm. Investigation continues.</p> <p>6 3-2-10 at 11:53 am-Univ Street-Subject issued a citation for speeding. (City Court).</p> <p>7 3-2-10 at 6:48 pm-Ellington Hall-Report of a missing student. Contact was later made with the subject and all was well.</p> <p>8 3-2-10 at 11:20 pm-Lot 22 (Elam Center)-Subject report the theft of property from his vehicle. Investigation continues.</p> | <p>9 3-3-10 at 11:58 pm-Cooper Hall-Mr Brandon P. Gindt from Lakeland Tn, was arrested for illegal possession of drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>10 Fire Call-3-4-10 at 4:26 am-Univ Village "H" Unit-Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers responded and determined it to be caused by cooking food. MFD notified.</p> <p>11 3-4-10 at 10 am-Lot 5 (Univ Center)-Traffic accident involving two vehicles. One driver issued a citation for no proof of insurance (Gen Sessions Court) and the other driver issued a citation for an expired license plate (City Court).</p> <p>12 3-4-10 at 12:38 pm-Gooch Hall-Report of a subject who had fallen and injured their knee. Officers and EMS responded and transported the subject to the hospital.</p> <p>13 3-4-10 at 3:20 pm-Univ Center-Subject reported being harassed by another subject off campus. Referred to their local PD.</p> <p>14 Fire Call-3-4-10 at 10:42 pm-Univ Village "G" Unit- Report the smoke alarm was sounding. Officers responded and determined it to be caused by cooking food. MFD notified.</p> |
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Spring Break Safety Tips

- ✓ When driving, buckle up; take turns behind the wheel on a long trip; whoever is riding "shotgun" must stay awake and keep the driver company; make sure you have your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance while you are traveling.
- ✓ Make sure your vehicle is in good running order before you leave. Check tire pressure, fluid levels, usable spare tire, etc.
- ✓ Be smart if you are going to drink: Know the alcohol laws of the local area you are visiting. Do they allow open containers in public; if traveling out of the US, know the legal drinking age, go in groups and look out for each other. Don't get intoxicated to the point you are not in control. Never drink and drive.
- ✓ If you are going to the beach, wear sunscreen and avoid sunburn (it is probably been a while since you have been exposed to the sun); keep in mind that sun and hot weather enhance the effects of alcohol and can cause you to dehydrate quickly. Drink plenty of water.
- ✓ When staying in a hotel, ensure you protect your room number and entrance key/card. If you have a lot of cash or valuables, see if the hotel has a safe you can secure them in. Don't hide them in your room; thieves know all the spots. Know who is knocking on your door and use all locking devices.
- ✓ Always protect your wallet and/or purse and don't leave them unattended for any amount of time. Have your credit/debit card information readily available in case you need to cancel them if they are stolen.
- ✓ Let someone know where you are going and check in with them along the way. Set a time that if they do not hear from you, they can alert authorities to start searching for you.

Campus Bulletin Board

Senior Central

The campus bookstore and Student Affairs are sponsoring Senior Central, your one-stop for seniors to take care of last minute business with the university. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the University City Ballroom.

Times Talk

Times Talk today at noon, Skyhawk Cafeteria, Room 125. Tomi Parrish, Department

of Communications, will be moderating the topic: "Journalism in the 21st Century: What Would Happen if Newspapers Became an Extinct Species?"

PSEPP

The Personal Safety Empowerment Program Project (PSEPP) invites you to visit its Web site. PSEPP provides advocacy and an entry portal for students who have been victims of sexual assault or stalking.

Piano Music

The Department of Music presents Piano Music of Chopin. Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

Last Day

Friday is the last day to drop a class. You must see your adviser before you can drop a class.

Piano Competition

The Department of Music is sponsoring the UTM Pre-College Piano Competition, Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Watkins Auditorium.

Time Change

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14, at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Life

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Dr. Chris Hill explores rhetoric

Delivers lecture on Renaissance rhetoric in annual Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture

Regina Emery
Asst. Life Editor

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was proud to host the Annual Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture last week, featuring English professor Dr. Christopher Hill.

Hill's presentation of "I cannot keep decorum personae: A Renaissance Rhetoric of Strife", marks the thirty-fourth memorial lecture given in Tomlinson's honor.

Snow days had pushed the lecture back two weeks, forcing Hill to make a heart wrenching decision: lecture, or "Lost"?

"The fifth episode of 'Lost' is on tonight...and if we play our cards right, we might be home in time to watch it," Hill said, breaking in the audience of sixty or so.

From there, Watkins Auditorium was immersed in an atmosphere incomprehensible to the un-read and untrained ear. From "The Epistle" and Machiavelli's "The Prince", to Sidney's "Defense of Poesy" and Spenser's "Faerie Queen", Hill traced the origins of Renaissance rhetoric and its role in reform.

To better understand the context of his content, Hill defined rhetoric as the art of speaking, serving three-fold functions: docere (to teach), delectare (to delight) and movere (to move). Equally as important are the matters of time and place, and occasion and audience.

While Renaissance writers



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and speakers differed in mannerisms, all defined rhetoric in this fashion and agreed that eloquence was more powerful than brute force.

And as he later points out, eloquence is related to every other virtue held dear to the people of the time. His illustrations, such as the Hercules Gallicus and various pamphlet covers, offered visual supporting evidence for these correlations and conclusions.

In the simplest of terms, Hill summarized the message

of rhetoric, as evidenced in Castiglione's "The Courtier" and Machiavelli's "The Prince": Be nice. Be polite. Fake it, if you must.

And despite all the prowess an orator may possess, the real power lies also within the audience. An orator submits himself to the mercy of the audience.

"The measure of success lies just as much with you as it does with me," Hill said.

Following the lecture, audience members were given opportunities to ask questions.

One such student was Kyle Greer, a student of Hill's.

"I attended the Phi Kappa Phi lecture Tuesday night because I have an interest in joining Phi Kappa Phi, because of their academic standards and nationally recognized status for being such a great honors society," said Greer, a Computer Science junior.

But Phi Kappa Phi wasn't the only name that drew Greer and others to last Tuesday's lecture.

"Dr. Hill is one of the most personable professors on campus whose classes I have taken. Professors like Dr. Hill actually draw student interest into the subjects that could be considered boring by any other professor through his method of teaching," Greer said.

Hill's popularity with students stems from his passion for teaching—consistent with the legacy of Muriel Tomlinson.


"She was a great believer in the idea of teaching, scholarship and lifelong learning. And that's part of why we honor her with these lectures," said Dr. Lynn Alexander, a former president of Phi Kappa Phi (UTM Chapter 127).

Each year UTM honors the legacy of Muriel Tomlinson by hosting a lecture in her honor. Some past lecturers include Dr. David Barber, Dr. Daniel Nappo, Mr. Douglas Cook, Dr. Lisa LeBleu and Dr. Teresa Collard, Dr. David Coffee and Dr. Jerald Ogg.

Entertainment
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BIG SCREEN

The Green Zone



R. 115 min.
March 12


Directed by Paul Greengrass
Starring Matt Damon

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R. March 9

Directed by Lee Daniels
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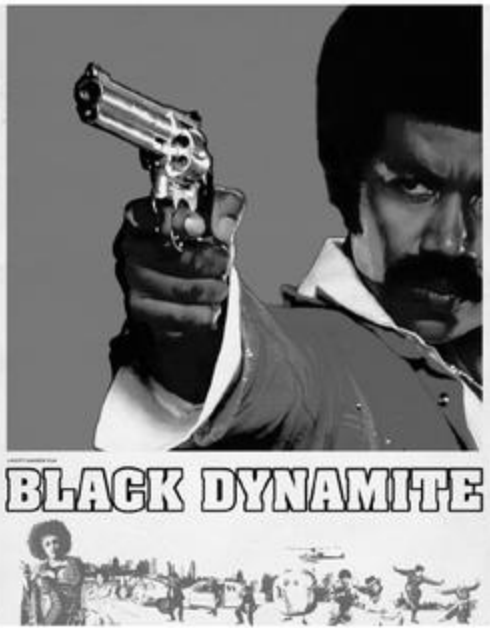
Up in the Air



R. 108 min.
March 9

Directed by Jason Reitman
Starring George Clooney

'Black Dynamite' a fun, stylish romp through time



Spencer Taylor
Managing/Life Editor

"Black Dynamite," a 2009 film written by and starring Michael Jai White, may have gone largely unnoticed by the general population.

A resurrection of the "blaxploitation" genre made famous by characters like Shaft, "Dynamite" infuses the roots of cheesy 1970s era action with a modern tongue-in-cheek twist.

When his kid brother is killed on the streets, Black Dynamite declares war on drugs and vows to clean up his community. Black Dynamite's journey will lead him through a series of twists and turns, with plenty of laughs and over-the-top action and dialogue to keep you engaged until the film's credits.

One of the film's strongest points is undoubtedly its style and direction. While it borrows heavily from the blaxploitation

genre, "Dynamite" isn't just some simple cookie-cutter genre clone; instead it mixes enough unique style to give you the feeling of familiarity, but with the rush of seeing something fresh.

Another strong point is the film's crisp dialogue and odd brand of humor. One part "Hot Shots" mixed with one part "Undercover Brother," "Dynamite" takes an odd sense of comedy that some may fail to appreciate.

In a comedic world dominated by films such as "The Hangover," this film's brand of humor falls outside of the mainstream spotlight - and that certainly isn't a bad thing.

to tell its tale, "Dynamite" still provides a fresh break from the "Seth Rogan assault on comedy" - ironic considering that this film's

material of inspiration is well over 40 years old. To look closer, the film's comedic nucleus rests in the heart of Michael Jai White's awesome dialogue. Equipped with more one-liners than David Caruso, there are several points in the film where you stop yourself and say "Wow, I've got to remember that one" and try your best to file White's smooth-talking truths away for a later date.

While the cast may have contained few big-name stars, that certainly doesn't matter in this case. All roles were played

with ease, and with some of the plot dripping with humor, it really shouldn't have been too hard to pull off.

However, don't let me downplay the exceptional job White did as Black Dynamite. Sure, he wasn't nominated for an Oscar, but many say that comedy is one of the hardest acts in show business to pull off. He may not have revolutionized the industry as we know it, but White was able to command a strong screen presence and deliver his lines without hamming it up to the point where the film was sophomoric.

With all its twists and turns, kung fu and shootouts, "Black Dynamite" succeeds at just being a fun film to watch. While I wouldn't recommend watching it with your grandmother, there may be no better "spring break time-killer" to watch than "Black Dynamite," dig?

'Drunkorexia': evolution of the modern eating disorder

Regina Emery
Asst. Life Editor

As spring break approaches, two things are constantly on the college-age mind: booze and bikinis.

For many women ages 18-24, the constant pressure to look thin competes with the desire to let loose and party. What has developed is a dangerous combination of the two: eating disorders and alcohol abuse.

Though not yet officially a medical term, drunkorexia is the slang term being used to describe a phenomenon affecting the health of young women across the nation. Drunkorexia is a disorder characterized by the following behaviors: strict self-starvation in order to save calories for alcoholic beverages, or abusing

alcohol to aid in the purging of food consumption.

The trend is nothing new, but awareness about it is growing rapidly. *The New York Times* recently ran an article about it, as have several online newspapers and even CBS.

Dr. Susan Buckelew, professor of psychology and an experienced clinical psychologist, said she was not familiar with drunkorexia, but that it makes sense.

"It's almost like an evolution ... if you think about eating disorders and binge drinking, it seems like only a matter of time before the two combined," Buckelew said.

"Both are very unhealthy, from a lot of standpoints. Physically, not having anything to dilute the alcohol is going to have a more harmful effect on

the stomach, the esophagus and certainly the brain. It will also raise the blood alcohol level much faster, which can be very dangerous," Buckelew said.

Statistics from the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA) suggest that 30 percent of women ages 18-24 skip meals in order to drink more, while an estimated up to 10 percent of college women suffer from some form of an eating disorder. And a 2002 study from the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* suggested that 31 percent of college students met criteria for alcohol abuse, while another 6 percent met the criteria for alcohol dependence. Just as Buckelew noted, it may have very well been only a matter of time before the two merged.

What makes drunkorexia more dangerous than its bulimia and anorexia counterparts are its physiological effects on the body. For most people, food acts as a buffer for the absorption process of alcohol and prevents becoming intoxicated too quickly. But if one hasn't eaten all day, or in extreme cases two or three days, that first drink can mean blacking out or even alcohol poisoning.

Without food to help absorb the alcohol, damage to the liver can also occur much more rapidly — being absorbed in as little as 15 minutes.

Combine this with a weakened immune system, a damaged stomach and esophagus, stress to the heart, dental erosion and malnutrition, (other effects of anorexia and bulimia), and

drunkorexia mixes a deadly cocktail.

Seemingly paradoxical to the preoccupation with losing weight, alcohol is also relatively high in calories — empty calories at that. Women's bodies also tend to possess more fat, which absorbs alcohol, and produce lower quantities of an alcohol-metabolizing enzyme than men.

Jennifer Hart, coordinator for the Counseling Services here at UTM, says that she has heard of people doing it, but as of yet no students have reported any cases of drunkorexia.

"College girls and women in general are more worried about their body image, and yet want to fit in," Hart said.

Like other eating disorders, Buckelew agrees that drunkorexia most likely stems

from issues with body image and the pressures to "fit in", literally and socially. But is the struggle worth it?

According to NEDA, 5-10 percent of anorexics die within 10 years after contracting the disease and the mortality rate associated with anorexia nervosa is 12 times higher than the death rate of ALL causes of death for females 15 to 24 years old. Without treatment, up to 20 percent of people with serious eating disorders die.

Hart advises that if you suspect a peer may be exhibiting these dangerous behaviors, encourage the person to stop and to seek professional help. Such help can be obtained confidentially through UTM's Counseling Services, located upstairs in the Student Health Center.



OSCARS WRAPUP 2010

SPENCERTAYLOR & BRENTCOOLEY

BEST PICTURE THE HURT LOCKER

Brent: I'm glad that it beat *Avatar*, but I still think it is inexplicably overrated. I feel that *A Serious Man* or *Inglourious Basterds* would have been better choices for the award. Both of those films were much more artistic and aesthetic.

Spencer: I feel that *The Hurt Locker*, out of all the nominations, probably deserved it the most. While I agree with Brent that it has been a bit overrated, I really have to give this movie props for something not many war films can do: it was a strong emotional film that didn't carry a heavy political message. A friend also pointed out to me that out of all the films made thus far over the war in Iraq, *The Hurt Locker* is the most respectable.

BEST ACTOR JEFF BRIDGES

Brent: Out of the nominations he gave the best performance, however, some of the best performances of 2009 were not nominated such as Ben Foster in *The Messenger*, Sam Rockwell in *Moon*, and Michael Stuhlbarg in *A Serious Man*.

Spencer: While I've yet to see *Crazy Heart*, I'm a huge fan of Jeff Bridges. From *Tron* to *The Big Lebowski*, he's such a solid actor. While you could make a case for other deserving nominees, I'm sticking with pure bias and going with Jeff.

BEST ACTRESS SANDRA BULLOCK

Brent: Not only did she not deserve the award, she did not deserve a nom. She gave the weakest performance for a best actress winner that I've seen since I've been watching the awards. Carey Mulligan deserved the award for her role in *An Education*.

Spencer: Yeah, as likeable as Sandra Bullock is, I agree with the Peter Travers reference on the film basically being a "Hallmark card being made into a movie."



BEST DIRECTOR KATHRYN BIGELOW

Brent: She did an admirable job directing; I wasn't displeased, but Quentin Tarantino deserved it hands down for the theater scene alone... that was brilliant.

Spencer: The more I've thought on *Inglourious Basterds*, the more I really do like it. It's got Tarantino's style all over it, and I think if any of his films were to be honored, it would be up there with his best. However, Bigelow's directing on *The Hurt Locker* was robust, albeit straightforward. I'm not jumping up and down that Tarantino didn't win, but I can settle for Bigelow without hesitation.

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY MARK BOAL, THE HURT LOCKER

Brent: It wasn't necessarily a bad screenplay, but I thought that the dialogue could have been fleshed out more. There were some points when the dialogue was really strong, but there were some points where it was juvenile and it made soldiers come off as idiots. Quentin Tarantino deserved it for his rapid-fire dialogue in *Inglourious Basterds*.

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY GEOFFREY FLETCHER, PRECIOUS

Brent: Again, the screenplay wasn't bad, but there was one other that was exceptional. *In the Loop*; the dialogue was fresh, original and absolutely hilarious.



THE SHOW OVERALL

Brent: The show overall was pretty good. Some of the jokes fell flat and I didn't like Neal Patrick Harris's opening musical number, but I think that Steve and Alec held together pretty well. I didn't like the drawn out nominations- they should just go out and present the nominees without a reflection on each performance.

Spencer: Alec Baldwin is my favorite Baldwin. Not really saying a whole lot there, but even standing on his own as an actor, he's top notch. As far as everything else goes, it was by-the-book Oscar action that you could set your watch to: a bunch of people cried and Ben Stiller did something stupid.

SNUBBED NOMINATIONS

Brent: *The Messenger* was atrociously left out. Not only was the screenplay and directing fantastic, the acting overall some of the best of the decade. It should have replaced the *Blind Side*, which shouldn't have even been considered since it wasn't much better than a 'hallmark card movie.' Sam Rockwell should have been nominated for best actor over Morgan Freeman or Jeremy Renner. Freeman and Renner did admirable work, but Sam Rockwell was just head and shoulders above them. It didn't even seem like he was acting. Alfred Molina was snubbed in the best supporting actor nomination. His rant early in the film should have secured that nomination over Mat Damon who was rather dull and lifeless in his role.

Spencer: The biggest snub was Sam Rockwell for *Moon*, plain and simple. How that did not attract a nod for best actor is beyond me- and it's really pretty sad. I don't think I could have picked out a more emotional, believable performance from anyone there, and it just shows that unfortunately, the best do often fall to those who have more money to swing at promotion and advertising. Whether you love or hate the movie, you can't argue against Sam Rockwell.



Sports

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Softball matches best start in school history

Column:
Different on
the dirt



Baseball, softball
start strong

Josh Weiss
Sports Editor

This year feels different. There's a swagger that hasn't been there in years past. They really seem to think they deserve to win, and now, they are.

Baseball's 7-4 record, including a 6-1 start, the best start for the program in the 25 years, has people talking.

They're coming together as a team. They're having fun.

I've seen some of the happiest baseball players that I have ever seen in my time here at UTM just in the past two weeks.

They're asking people to come to their games. They want people to see them play. That's how it should be.

So go see what I mean. Go watch them play, and you'll be surprised.

This isn't the same team we've seen year after year at UTM. Maybe, just maybe, for UTM baseball, the tradition starts now.

Now, take a short stroll, about 100 feet, not much more, across the street.

Sure, the field is a little smaller, as are the players, but the 12-3 softball team has something to prove as well.

They're out to show that last season's OVC Championship and NCAA Tournament berth was no fluke.

The team is tearing through opponents behind strong pitching and great hitting, and they aren't just beating cupcake, pansy teams.

Already this season, UTM Softball has wins over Georgetown, Bowling Green State and even SEC opponent Ole Miss, and the road doesn't get any easier as they will face non-conference opponents Army, Memphis and MTSU.

So, if you haven't quite made it out there yet, or, were just waiting for warmer weather, now is the time because both teams should be a true treat to watch this season.

Josh Weiss
Sports Editor

After going 3-2 this past weekend at the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic in Atlanta, Ga., the UTM softball team has tied the mark for the best 15-game start in program history at 12-3, a record set by last season's OVC championship squad.

Shortstop Jenny Bain again came up big for UTM over the weekend, hitting .400 with six RBI and five runs scored on her way to being named OVC Player of the Week for the second time in this young season.

Bain's two long balls over the weekend also moved the sophomore into fifth on the Skyhawks' all-time home run list with 19 in her short career. Pitcher Paj Lintz also had a big weekend for UTM, posting a 2-0 record with wins over Bowling Green State and SEC opponent Ole Miss, a game in which she went the full seven innings plus two more as the Skyhawks downed the Rebels in the ninth.

On Friday, March 5, UTM took on the Falcons of BGSU.

The Skyhawks took the early lead in the first inning and never looked back, defeating the Falcons 7-3.

Lintz picked up the win for UTM, throwing a complete seven innings while allowing just three runs on seven hits and striking out nine.



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Sophomore shortstop Jenny Bain (left) and senior pitcher Paj Lintz (right) fueled the Skyhawks to a 3-2 record at the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic this past weekend, March 5-7, in Atlanta. Bain earned OVC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season after her stellar performance.

On the offensive side, Bain went 3-4 from the plate with three runs, three RBI and her 18th career homer.

However, the good fortune would not last as the Skyhawks fell to the Owls of Kennesaw State in Friday's nightcap matchup.

The Owls came out quickly, scoring four runs before UTM recorded the game's first out to build a lead the Skyhawks could not overcome as it fell

5-3. Kate Vanderham took the loss for the Skyhawks as her record fell to 3-1.

Megan Williams and Megan Van Arsdale both went 2-3 at the plate, and Bain picked up a hit to extend her hitting streak to a season-high six games.

The Skyhawks looked to bounce back Saturday morning against the Eagles of Winthrop.

UTM jumped out to an early

2-0 lead, but a pair of fifth-inning homers by the Eagles were enough to again knock off UTM 5-3.

Williams went 3-4 on the day, while Bain picked up a pair of hits.

In Saturday night's action, the Skyhawks looked to avoid a third straight loss as it faced SEC opponent Ole Miss.

The game was tight throughout, and the two teams were having so much

fun that they decided to play nine instead of the usual seven innings.

In the end, though, UTM found a way to win, knocking off the Rebels 7-6.

Lintz again pitched a complete game, this time going nine innings.

The senior gave up just two walks and only one earned run against the 41 total batters that she faced and was later named to the Buzz Classic All-Tournament Team.

UTM's offense came mainly in the form of home runs as the Skyhawks blasted four solo shots.

However, no offensive play was as critical as Bain's stealing of home in the bottom of the eighth to tie the game at 6-6 and force a ninth inning.

Riding this momentum, UTM faced Western Kentucky in the weekend's final matchup, knocking off the Hilltoppers 5-3.

It wasn't pretty, but the Skyhawks got the job done, as it took only six hits for UTM to score its five runs.

Chelsea Cary was the only Skyhawk to record multiple hits, going 2-4 on the day.

The win improves the Skyhawks' record to 12-3 on the year.

UTM will look to continue its dominance next week, March 14-16, in Kissimmee, Fla., where the Skyhawks will play six games at the Rebel Spring Games.

Women's basketball season comes to a close against regular season champ EIU

Athletic Communications

The University of Tennessee at Martin women's basketball team had the top-seeded Eastern Illinois Panthers on the ropes for a majority of the Ohio Valley Conference semi-final game, but the undermanned Skyhawks ran out of gas in the final five minutes as Eastern Illinois was able to advance with a 65-51 win.

In the loss Cali Cupples had a team-best 16 points, while Erica Glisson added 11 and was only one point off matching a career-high.

"We got everything we possibly could out of our team today, but so many games of each player playing the full 40 minutes finally caught up to us in the final five minutes," said OVC Coach of the Year Kevin McMillan. "I couldn't be more proud of the team though, we overachieved in many ways but also showed what is possible when everyone buys into a program and plays for each other."

The loss dropped the Skyhawks final record to 11-19 on the year (8-10 OVC), which is more wins this season than the last two years combined. Eastern Illinois improved to 23-9 on the year (16-2 OVC) and will make its third consecutive appearance in the conference title game tomorrow.

Eastern Illinois came out of the gates early and quickly built a 6-0 lead over the Skyhawks before LaBrica Ward connected on a layup in the post. After a pair of Eastern Illinois free throws, UTM Alecia Weatherly connected on the first three-pointer of the day, cutting the Panther lead to only three.

Coming out of a media timeout, Cali Cupples hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 8-8, but Eastern Illinois was able to answer with back-to-back baskets. The Panthers pushed their lead out to as much as seven at 22-15 with

10:18 left in the half, but UTM began to chip away after Weatherly drove the lane and dumped the ball off to Lyles for a wide open layup.

That sparked an 8-0 run during which a three-pointer from Cupples gave the Skyhawks their first lead of the game at 23-22. Glisson then capped off the run with a layup in traffic to extend the UTM lead to 25-22 with 5:13 left, but the Skyhawks then went cold from the field over the next four minutes.

During that time Eastern Illinois worked its way to the free throw line where it tied the game at 25 apiece. Ta'Kenya Nixon then went on a personal 5-0 run for the Panthers, putting Eastern Illinois ahead 30-25. A Cupples jumper from the baseline ended the Skyhawk scoring drought, then Paige Smith banked in a buzzer beating jumper to cut the halftime deficit to only 30-29.

In the first half UTM shot 44 percent from the field and connected on four three-pointers, including three from Cupples en route to her 11 first half points. The Skyhawks also forced 10 Eastern Illinois turnovers in the first half, while giving it away only eight times.

In the second half Lyles earned a trip to the free throw line on the first possession where she hit one-of-two, tying the game at 30-30. Eastern Illinois then went on an 11-3 run over the next three minutes to build a 41-33 lead with 14:19 remaining in the game.

The Skyhawks then battled back with an 8-0 run to tie the game at 43-43 after Glisson and Cupples combined for back-to-back three-pointers and Glisson added a leaning layup in traffic with 10 minutes remaining. That forced a time out from Panthers head coach Brady Sallee, and coming out of the 30 second break the Panthers defense responded by holding UTM without a bucket from the field the next

6:54. Eastern Illinois went on a 17-1 during UTM's shooting drought to build a 60-47 advantage with 3:08 left.

The Skyhawks lone point during the Panther run came off a Glisson free throw then she hit the three-pointer to snap the scoring drought as well with just over three minutes left in the game. Glisson's trey set the score at 60-47, and the Skyhawks added a layup from Smith to cut the deficit to only 12 at the two minute mark, but that was as close as they could draw the rest of the game.

"We are not a team that is built to make big comebacks even though we had done it once in the game already," commented McMillan. "We have to keep doing what we do and what works for us, but down the stretch we were just out of gas and weren't able to do it one more time."

Cupples scored a majority of her team-high 16 points on 4-of-8 shooting from three-point range, while Glisson's 11 was just one point off her career-best effort against Austin Peay. Lyles was limited to only five points but pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Skyhawks on the glass. All-OVC Newcomer Team selections Ward and Weatherly both finished the game with seven points apiece.

As a team UTM shot 39 percent from the field in the game, but Eastern Illinois was able to connect on 22 of its 47 attempts. The Panthers also earned 20 shots from the charity stripe, connecting on 16, compared to only 10 free throw attempts in the game for UTM.

McMillan and the Skyhawks will now turn their attention to next season where they hope to find similar, if not even more, success than the inaugural season.

"We have laid the cornerstone of the type of success we want to become a tradition at UT Martin and the girls on this team is a huge reason for that bar being as high as it is."

Tennis struggles at Arkansas State; drops to 2-2 in 2010

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The UTM tennis team fell 6-1 to the Arkansas State Red Wolves on Sunday in their last match before Ohio Valley Conference begins this weekend.

Skyhawks freshman Anna Winkelmann scored the only UTM point in the away match with a 6-0, 6-4 win over the Red Wolves' Andreea Georgescu at No. 4 singles.

Sophomore Jodie Tiley and freshman Alice Laing also pulled out a win for UTM versus Maria Aleman and Ioana Teufor at No. 2 doubles 8-6.

At No. 1 doubles, senior Martie Wahl and senior Belisa de Brito fell 8-3 to Elne Barnard and Rone van Wyk, while Winkelmann and

fellow freshman Anna Marie Herbold dropped their match at No. 3 8-4 to Jenny Herring and Menna Kamal of Arkansas State.

Also in singles, Tiley and Barnard met at No. 1, with Barnard coming away with the win in straight sets, 6-2, 7-5.

Freshman Johanie Van Zyl dropped the No. 2 seeded match 6-2, 6-0 to Herring, and Kamal swept Laing 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5. Herbold was able to take the first set off of Aleman at No. 6 before falling 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In her singles action, Martie Wahl battled van Wyk at No. 3 before falling 6-2, 7-5.

The Skyhawks will look to bounce back from the loss when they begin the OVC season this Friday, March 12 at Jacksonville State.



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